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SUBJECT: FUNERAL SERVICES FOR CARDINAL MINDSZENTY

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- 1. AMBASSADOR SIGNED CONDOLENCES BOOK AND DESIGNATED SENIOR EMBASSY OFFICER TO REPRESENT HIM AT MAY 10 FUNERAL SERVICES AT ST. STEPHAN CATHERDRAL AT WHICH CARDINAL KOENIG OFFICIATED. SERVICES WERE WELL ATTENDED BY GENERAL PUBLIC IN CONTRAST TO VERY LIMITED ATTENDANCE BY DIPLOMATIC CORPS. PAPAL NUNCIO WAS PRESENT AS WAS MFA PROTOCOL OFFICER REPRESENTING GOA. ONLY NOTEWORTHY POLITICAL PERSONALITY WHO ATTENDED WAS OTTO HAPSBURG WHO WAS IN VIENNA EARLIER IN WEEK IN CONNECTION WITH PAN EUROPEAN MOVEMENT MEETING.
- 2. IN HIS EULOGY CARDINAL KOENIG PRAISED MINDSZENTY AS FIGHTER FOR JUSTICE AND FAITH FROM WHOM SECULAR WORLD EXACTED MUCH BUT COULD NOT DENY HE BECAME "MODERN MARTYR". KOENIG ALSO OBSERVED THAT MINDSZENTY HAS NOT BEEN REHABILITATED BY HUNGARIAN AUTHORITIES IN SPITE OF FACT THAT EVERYONE TODAY KNOWS MINDSZENTY WAS INNOCENT OF CHARGES BROUGHT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGAINST HIM AT "SHOW TRIAL".

3. WEEKEND ISSUE OF LARGE VIENNA DAILY SPECULATED THAT DEATH OF MINDSZENTY SHOULD NOW CLEAR WAY FOR RETURN BY USG OF HUNGARIAN CROWN TO HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT. BUCHANAN

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